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1. THE CRUISER LITTLE ROCK WITH COMSIXTHFLT VICE ADMIRAL FREDERICK TURNER EMBARKED, DEPARTED ATHENS ON SCHEDULE MORNING OF MARCH 6. THE LITTLE ROCK HAD SPENT THREE DAYS IN ATHENS, HAVING ARRIVED MORNING OF MARCH 3.

2. THERE WERE NO REPEAT NO UNFAVORABLE INCIDENTS REGARDING EITHER SHIP OR CREW DURING LITTLE ROCK STAY HERE. THE NEWSPAPER COVERAGE OF THE VISIT - AND COMSII#*)5 043SENCE HERE - WAS FOR THE MOST PART PRESENTED IN STRAIGHTFORWARD NEWS REPORT FASHION (REFTEL). SOLE EXCEPTIONS WERE (A) THE COMMUNIST (EXTERIOR) NEWSPAPER RIZOSPASTIS WHICH ON TWO OCCASIONS ATTEMPTED TO WEAVE IN LITTLE ROCK AND TURNER VISIT WITH CON-CURRENT VISIT HERE OF DEPUTY ASST. SECY. LAINGEN - LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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AS INDICATORS OF ATTEMPTS TO "PRESSURE GREECE", AND

(B) A VICIOUS EDITORIAL IN MARCH 5 EDITION OF AFTERNOON NEWSPAPER
ELEFTHEROTYPIA (ANTI-AMERICAN), WHICH STATED BLUNTLY
THAT LITTLE ROCK "WAS POLLUTING WATERS OF PHALERON
BAY" AND THAT THOSE RECEIVING VISITS BY ADMIRAL
TURNER WOULD PROVOKE THE "DISGUST" OF THE GREEK
PEOPLE.

3. FROM ALL OBJECTIVE INDICATORS, VISIT OF LITTLE
ROCK AND ADMIRAL TURNER CONSTITUTED A SUCCESS
FROM VIEWPOINT OF US INTERESTS HERE. KUBISCH

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